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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA  
Deputy Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Summary of OSA Activities for Week Ending  
26 June 1963

IDEALIST

1. An agreement has been reached between the Secretary of Defense and the DCI for the temporary loan to SAC of three of CIA's U-2F aircraft for the purpose of conducting BRASS KNOB missions, with the understanding that DOD will guarantee replacement of any aircraft lost or damaged beyond repair during the loan period, and that SAC will return the aircraft and subsystems upon request by the DCI if they are needed to meet our priority collection requirements. In order to maintain our pilots' proficiency in the U-2 during the period of the loan, SAC has agreed to provide proficiency flights for the pilots.

2. Secretary McNamara, with Mr. McCone's consent, has asked OSA to undertake the following actions:

a. In conjunction with the CIA and Air Force, determine a common configuration for U-2 aircraft to be used in photographic reconnaissance. The Secretary directed this action expressing the conviction that U-2 aircraft should be thought of as a national resource and that we should have all U-2 aircraft identically equipped for photographic missions.

b. In view of the weather problems encountered in obtaining photographic reconnaissance in Southeast Asia,

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investigate the possible use of C-135 weather reconnaissance aircraft in support of U-2 activities [ ]  
[ ] to permit us to gain increased mission effectiveness.

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3. System IX is now obsolete although some components may still be useable. All field components are being returned at this time.

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5. On Friday, 21 June, [ ] and [ ]

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[ ] presented a briefing to members of OSA on the status of development of equipment in support of or directly affecting OSA, and OSA has requested another briefing in the near future. These meetings are being held in conjunction with our work on various subsystems for our IDEALIST and OXCART Projects.

#### OXCART

1. The Foreign Object Damage Committee met on 21 June to review FOD control procedures and grant authorization for engine operation on aircraft #125. During the FOD inspection on 125 over 100 assorted nuts, washers, rivet heads, pieces of safety wire, etc. were found in a total of 30 different locations on the two engine inlets/compartments. After this inspection, the FOD Committee concluded that all necessary action had been taken and authorized engine operations.

2. While preparing aircraft #121 for the second flight of the day on 19 June, a mechanic dropped a piece of safety wire into the engine compartment while checking the T.E.B. system. His report of this incident and the subsequent search for the wire caused the loss of a flight for that day. As a result, each mechanic must now have a special

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pair of diagonals which must be used when cutting wire in the nacelle/engine compartments. The use of these diagonals should help maintain clean nacelle/engine compartments.

NRO

The Acting Deputy Director (Research) has requested that OSA establish and maintain a schedule of NRO satellite launches including identification and description of boosters, payloads, piggy-back payloads, etc. Slippages and the main reasons therefor will also be included. This schedule will be established and maintained by the Office of Field Activities, OSA, and will be physically located in the Control Center.

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